

August 22, 1961

Mr. Oscar G.Schilke  
P.O.Box 246  
Niantic, Connecticut


Dear Mr.Schilke:

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Cordially,

  
ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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Cordially,

ERIC F. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

October 3, 1961

Mr. Oscar G.Schilke  
P.O.Box 246  
Niantic, Conn.

Dear Mr. Schilke:

I checked section 3567 of the 1857 Act and  
I do not find that it was repealed.

I am glad to give you the information on this  
point.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/abb

P. O. Box # 246  
Miami, Fla.  
Sept. 4th, 1961

Mr. Earl P. Hansen  
Hudson Brothers Stores Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Regarding our discussion in Atlanta I find in certain notes on our manuscript, that apparently Sec. 1387 of the Revised Statutes, or the 1897 Act (Ch. 36, Sec. 1, U. S.) was repealed as late as 1910; - See p. 568: Laws of the United States concerning Money, Banking and Loans, 1776-1909, Compiled by Huntington and Mainwaring, National Monetary Commission, 61st Congress, 2nd Session, Senate Document # 580. We have a memo to check as to the possibility that this may still be on the books. Would be grateful for your findings as to whether or not this has since been repealed.

The Ott essay, which we discussed, is reported by Rittenhouse, under date of Jan. 7, 1793, to be found in American State Papers. If New York co-author has exact reference date, etc., if it will be of use to you, will be glad to have him forward same. As to committee of coin participation; perhaps I did not state exactly. The one I had reference to was fellow members with George Grenier of the Gold and Silver Shmith's Society. See First Directory of New York, compiled by David French, published by John Vallet, printed in 1796. If French list on this is of any interest to you, will be happy to send same.

Our interest lies in the period from the establishment of our national currency system in accordance with the Act of 1792, which provides for the management of currency by the newly established government of the United States. As the title, COINAGE JOHN BART WHEAT LEWIS TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, 1793-1857, implies, our notes and references to the period prior to 1793 are obviously very sketchy.

If you were contemplating a visit to New York City or vicinity in the near future, and could find time, we would love to have you drop in and discuss the situation in the District of Columbia.

As I have been looking forward to seeing you for several years, it was indeed a pleasure to have had this pleasure in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Cesar G. Schilke

CESAR G. SCHILKE

Find Mex coinage law

Don H. Schiller

P.O. Box 246

Winton, Conn.

Sec 3567 not repealed

ch 56, sec 1, v. XI

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+ land office

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February 16, 1962

Mr. Oscar C. Schilke  
P.O.Box 246  
Niantic, Conn.

Dear Mr. Schilke:

In view of your interest in foreign coins circulating in the United States, I have a microfilm of a government report, made about 1830, which is on the subject of Spanish Dollars, their weights, problems, and considerable detail concerning their use and circulation. If you wish enlarged prints of this to be made I will try to obtain the price.

In any event, it is very important material, in my opinion, and I wanted to call it to your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman, President  
ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

P. O. Box # 246  
Niantic, Conn.  
Feb. 20th, 1962

Mr; Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter which I received  
this morning.

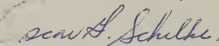
We have taken considerable material from

val #192  
#1 / Senate Document #19, 21st Cong. 1st  
Session - 1830; 11th January 1830  
Report from Mr. Sanford, from the  
Select Committee appointed to con-  
sider the state of current coins,  
etc.

If the report you have is other than the  
foregoing I will be very grateful to have  
an enlarged copy of your microfilm. Please  
send it to me and I'll mail you my check  
to cover the cost.

I have been quite ill - in bed for three  
weeks - and it's only the past week or so  
that I've been out and about again. If  
and when I can get up enough energy to  
retype eighty or more pages the manuscript  
should be ready for your perusal.

Yours very truly,

  
Oscar G. Schilke

March 16, 1962

Mr. Oscar G. Schilke  
P.O. Box #246  
Niantic, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Schilke:

I enjoyed meeting your partner, Raphael Solomon, when I was in New York, and I told him that I had some additional information which is not in the Senate Document #19 in Vol. #192 of Executive Documents. If either you or Mr. Solomon have a copy of Document #19 I would appreciate borrowing it so that I could have a photo-copy run off. I want to go through the photo-copy I received from you so that nothing I send you will be duplicated. If you do not have it, perhaps Raphael can obtain it from the New York Public Library.

Please stay well and let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

P. O. Box # 246  
Niantic, Conn.  
Mar. 18th, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:


We are happy to forward enclosed report  
you requested. (We have copy).

Am going over our manuscript with Ralph  
Solomon, up here for the weekend.

If you are planning to be in New York City  
in the near future, would appreciate it if  
you would contact me - perhaps at time of  
New York Metropolitan Convention, April  
26 - 29?

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

  
Oscar G. Schilke.

Enclosure:

March 22, 1962

Mr. Oscar G. Schilke  
P.O.Box 246  
Niantic, Conn.

Dear Mr. Schilke:

Thank you, very much, for the 1830 report  
on coinage.

I plan to come to New York about April 10  
for the ANS Council meeting and program  
and if the New York Coin Club meets that  
night perhaps Raphael Solomon and you will  
be there.

I do not plan to come to the New York con-  
vention.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

May 10, 1962

Messrs.  
Oscar G. Schilke  
P.O.Box 246  
Niantic, Conn.

Raphael E. Solomon  
23 West 73rd Street  
New York 23, New York

Dear Friends:

It has been extremely exhilarating and educational to read your manuscript on the foreign coins having legal tender status in the United States. It is a subject which has been only superficially mentioned by other writers. The detail and complexities of the information you have assembled will be a real addition to American numismatics. Your enormous quantity of work will be appreciated by many and you certainly should publish it in some suitable manner.

As you told me, it is not a venture for profit, yet the pleasure you have or will receive out of contributing a work of this nature will more than satisfy you.

We will be more than glad to write a preface for the book when it is ready for publication as in our small way we try to encourage this type of writing. To date I have read the 60-page portion of the text and the section on illustrations on paper money. I have made many suggestions, comments, and changes, even as to the title. The portion on the coin history of individual foreign countries I have not read, as yet, nor have I looked at the titles for the plates or the tables of value.

The book requires additional work in the way of eliminating unnecessary and irrelevant material. Often authors, including myself, put in informative material which is off the subject and this should be eliminated as it diverts the reader and often upsets the train of thought. You should be your own best critics and should attack your own manuscript from the point of view of redundancy, unnecessary explanation, and clarity.

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May 10, 1962

Messrs. Schilke and Solomon

You definitely need footnotes which can be simplified by references which may not require book and page numbers in many cases. You need chapter headings and a relocation of some material, particularly that of pages 55 to 60.

You have a tremendous project and I know you want to do it as a top quality undertaking. Any way we can be of help to you within the bounds of time is welcomed.

I do not wish you to construe my clarifications or suggestions as criticism. They are merely polish for a diamond in the rough. If you want to reject all or any part of what I have added please feel free to do so. After you revise and chapterize it you might send it back.

There is returned herewith the parts which I have read. I presume you have other copies of the balance.

Good luck and keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman, President

EPN/atb

May 23, 1962

Mr. Oscar G. Schilke  
P.O. Box 246  
Niantic, Conn.

Dear Oscar:

I am glad you like the title which I submitted and that you took my suggestions in stride. I hesitated to be so critical, but, because of the intrinsic merit in the project, I took those liberties.

I am enclosing a reference in the BANKERS' MAGAZINE of August, 1857, Vol. 12, which comments on Spanish coins and their exchange for copper nickel cents. You might want to use this.

I feel that the description of foreign coins in the text is unnecessary and is tedious reading. I would strip it out because you have sufficient descriptions in your subsequent section with the illustrations. I also feel that countries should be kept together in the text and in the descriptions rather than first gold and then silver.

I believe it is immodest for you to refer to "S.S." numbers in your own book. That is for others to do. Numbering, for its own sake, is certainly not objectionable.

A good deal of thought has been given to combining the descriptions of the foreign coins with the tables of the United States value. I believe this should be done as it is cumbersome to refer to one table and then have to refer to another. This will also save a great deal of printing cost. This could be accomplished either by turning the page sideways or by eliminating the personal check list. I believe the personal check list is not proper in a book as you don't want to find books scribbled on like a work book. If you wish to have a printed check list you might have that as a separate insert which could be used alongside the printed page and coordinated with it. In the tables you do not have divisions by countries but this would be solved if you combined the tables with the coin descriptions.

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May 23, 1962

Mr. Oscar G. Schilke

I shall look forward to hearing from you after you have done further work on the project.

I will certainly endeavor to be of further assistance if it is convenient to meet at some time when I am in New York.

I am returning some more of the pages.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman, President

CC:

Mr. Raphael E. Solomon

EPN/atb

July 23, 1962

Messrs.  
Oscar G. Schilke  
P.O.Box 246  
Niantic, Conn.

Raphael E. Solomon  
23 West 73rd Street  
New York 23, New York

Dear Friends:

I have written a little article for the Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine and wonder if either of you has any objection to the last paragraph which will refer to your book. If you do, please let me know as I will wait a few days before I send the article in. The proposed article is enclosed herewith.

Naturally, if you want to put the content of the article into your book you are free to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman, President

EPN/atb

23 West 73rd Street,  
New York City 23, N. Y.  
July 25, 1962.

Mr. Eric F. Newman  
4450 Cecil Avenue,  
St. Louis 5, Missouri.

Dear Eric:

Delighted to hear from you. Naturally, we have no objections to your article on the exciting 1857 Mint scene at the end of foreign legal tender, and the birth of the copper-nickel cents. Thanks for the advance publicity in the closing paragraph.

We are working very hard on the retyping of our manuscript, which now includes many improvements suggested by you. Talked to Oscar on the phone today, and he expects to be in Detroit for the Convention.

Sincerely,

  
Raphael E. Solomon

P. O. Box # 246  
Niantic, Conn.  
May 19th, 1962.

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

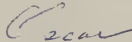
Both Ralph and I deeply appreciate the time you have graciously given in our behalf. We have checked the suggestions, comments and changes you have made, and are agreeably surprised at the thoroughness with which you are going through our manuscript. Your suggested title is exactly what we had been looking for.

We have taken note of your advice, that we be our own best critics, and are working on eliminating unnecessary wordage. As to the paper money section, we did not anticipate going into it so deep, but merely wanted to show one of each denomination picturing a Spanish coin thereon.

When the necessary revisions have been made, we will mail the corrected manuscript. Perhaps we could get together with you on your next trip to the A. N. S. in New York?

Again, Our sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,



Oscar G. Schilke.

P.S. We have found some inaccuracies in the valuation tables which we are correcting.

May 23, 1962

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P.O. Box 246  
Niantic, Conn.

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Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman, President

CC:

Mr. Raphael E. Solomon

EPN/atb

P.O. Box 246  
Hartford Conn.  
Aug. 26, 1961

Dear Mr. Newman,

I should have written you  
sooner, but time passes so quickly.  
Mr. Schilke left for New Hampshire  
on a fishing trip early Thursday  
morning. He will be back short-  
ly after Labor Day.

I am sure he will answer  
your letter when

Yours Very Truly  
Alga L. Schilke

(Mrs. Oscar)

P. O. Box # 246  
Hiantic, Conn.  
Oct. 6th, 1962.

Mr. Eric F. Newman  
8450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for the information from the American Negotiator, however we find it too early for our purpose.

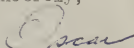
I have just mailed you the revised text of our book, which now includes many of your welcome suggestions. We have found it impractical to combine the valuations with the numbered illustrated types, but we did eliminate the personal check list realizing, as you suggested, it was out of place.

By way of explanation,-- on paper money,-- keeping in mind the many varieties with Spanish coins pictured thereon, our thought is to use only one type of each denomination as an illustrated example. Incidentally, do you have a 37<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cent note picturing Spanish-American coin? If so, may we picture same?

Be assured there are no limitations on the length of your foreword, even though we have inserted only one numbered page.

Sorry you were not at the Detroit convention as there were so many things we could have talked about. Having previously discussed the book with Dick Yoeman, --- at the convention he asked to review the manuscript. I promised to send it to him as soon as you return it.

Sincerely,



Oscar G. Schilke.

*Naval  
Whaling*

October 22, 1962

Mr. Oscar G. Schilke  
P.O.Box 246  
Niantic, Conn.

Dear Oscar:

I have been on vacation and I am snowed under with work for the moment. I will get to your manuscript and write the Forward which I promised.

I have a 37-1/2¢ Newark Whaling note and will have a local photographer photograph it for you.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

October 31, 1962

Mr. Oscar G. Schilke  
P.O.Box 246  
Miantic, Conn.

Dear Oscar:

I have been reading your manuscript and making a few suggestions. It certainly shows improvement from a lot of hard work done at your end.

I am enclosing photos of the 37<sup>1/2</sup> note which you requested and also the photographer's bill.

Please be sure all your pictures are excellent as you cannot reproduce pictures from another book or photostats and get decent results.

In the interest of time, I may not write the forward until the book is further along as I am loaded down with research for others which I gladly do.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/etb

November 6, 1962

Mr. Oscar G. Schilke  
P.O.Box 246  
Miantic, Conn.

Dear Oscar:

I have completed re-reading the text portions of your book and note the many improvements which you have made.

The forward has been written in rough form and you may feel free to make any suggestions to it which you wish.

You will note that I have made a number of suggestions to change the text but do not feel obliged to follow them.

Before publication I am sure this book will be recombed to eliminate restatements of the same thoughts and if you can think of any humor to add this is most helpful.

I appreciate the nice things you said about me and will be glad to do anything to help your publication along.

Most cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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P. O. Box # 248  
Mianctic, Conn.  
Nov. 24th, 1962

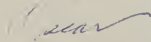
Mr. Eric P. Yeoman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

After checking your suggestions over the holiday, we have readied the text and are forwarding it to Dick Yeoman at Whitman Publishing Company the first of next week.

My thanks to you for the photos of the 37<sup>th</sup> Cent note, for which due credit will be noted in the text. (Photo reader has my check) We also thank you for the foreword, which fits in very nicely.

Sincerely,



Oscar G. Schilke.

In order to appreciate the convenience of using a decimal coinage system in the United States one need not revert as far back as the Colonial Era but only to the period from 1857 back to 1793 when U. S. Mint operations began. It is hard to realize that dollars and cents were sometimes the money of account and sometimes not and that specie from many foreign countries was circulated in a mixture with U.S. coinage. It is almost inconceivable that the United States took 64 years to substitute its own coin for foreign coin when melting and recoinng was easily done. Yet, not only did foreign coin circulate for that length of time but its circulation was officially regulated and much of it given the same legal tender status as our own coinage. The numismatic and economic history affecting this transition has intrigued all numismatists, but a detailed explanation of its background has been unavailable. To fill that need this book is a welcome, educational addition to the complex background of American numismatics. You will, just as I did, respect the authors for the research and thought which went into the book's preparation and be enlightened by its wealth of information.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

St. Louis, Missouri

\_\_\_\_\_, 1963.

Vol 192 Senate Documents  
21st Cong 1st Session Doc. 19

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On Jan 1827 foreign coin examination was laid before Senate

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 5, 1965

Messrs.  
Oscar G. Schilke  
P.O. Box 246  
Wiantic, Conn.

Raphael E. Solomon  
23 West 73rd St.  
New York 23, New York

Dear Authors:

I wish to thank you for America's Foreign Coins which you were kind enough to send me, and which I have examined. It is certainly a pleasure to see it in print. You are to be complimented for bringing to fruition the result of your many years of labor.

I cannot avoid a comment with respect to your acknowledgment. I do not believe the help I gave you deserved such glowing terms of thanks. It was I who had the privilege of seeing the manuscript before it grew into maturity.

When you are ready for your second edition, I have found a new historical item which I think you would like to include.

Please accept my congratulations for your superb accomplishment.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



EPN/atb

P. O. Box # 246  
Niantic, Conn.  
Oct. 23rd, 1961

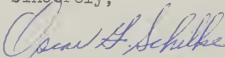
Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.,  
400 Washington Avenue,  
St. Louis 2, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Am very grateful for your checking Sec. 356, from 1910 to date, and informing me that it is still the law. I anticipate giving you credit for your co-operation in the matter.

Progress on FOREIGN COINS THAT WERE LEGAL TENDER IN THE UNITED STATES, 1793-1857, is going along slowly but surely; but then you know how these things are. When the manuscript is in shape, which should be in the near future, I intend that you shall see it.

Sincerely,

  
OSCAR G. SCHILKE.